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1. SUMMARY: USLO OFFICER TRAVELING TO TSINAN
SEPTEMBER 1-4 WAS TOLD BY OFFICIALS AT THE SHANTUNG
ENGINEERING INSTITUTE THAT A NATIONWIDE EXAM TO
SELECT STUDENTS FOR OVERSEAS STUDY WOULD BE GIVEN IN
OCTOBER. DESPITE WALLPOSTERS SEEN IN FRONT OF PEOPLE'S
DAILY PEKING OFFICES IN JULY ABOUT CONTINUING GANG OF
FOUR PROBLEMS IN TSINAN, NO UNUSUAL POLITICAL ACTIVITY
WAS OBSERVED. END SUMMARY.

2. USLO OFFICER TRAVELING TO TSINAN IN SHANTUNG
PROVINCE SEPTEMBER 1-4 WAS TOLD BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SHANTUNG INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING THAT A NATION-WIDE
EXAMINATION WOULD BE GIVEN IN OCTOBER TO SELECT
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STUDENTS FOR OVERSEAS STUDY. HE SAID THAT THE MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION HAD "RECENTLY" SENT A DIRECTIVE TO ALL
MAJOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ANNOUNCING THAT THE
EXAMS WOULD BE GIVEN LOCALLY. IF A STUDENT PASSES
THE EXAM, HE WILL BE SENT TO PEKING IN LATE OCTOBER
FOR LANGUAGE TESTING.

3. WALL POSTERS IN FRONT OF THE PEOPLE'S DAILY OFFICES IN PEKING IN JULY HAD DEMANDED THAT THE STATE COUNCIL INVESTIGATE CONTINUING GANG OF FOUR PROBLEMS IN TSINAN. ONE LOCAL RESIDENT CHARGED THAT HE HAD BEEN HARASSED BY LOCAL PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICIALS FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS (REFTEL). WHILE THERE WERE NO VISIBLE SIGNS OF FACTIONAL PROBLEMS DURING RECENT VISIT TO TSINAN, THE GANG'S "PERNICIOUS INFLUENCE" APPARENTLY LINGERS IN THE TSINAN BRANCH OF THE CHINA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE (CTS). USLO OFFICER WAS CONFRONTED WITH A STEADY STREAM OF GANG OF FOUR ERA RESPONSES: IT WAS "INCONVENIENT" TO VISIT SHANTUNG UNIVERSITY, SHANTUNG TEACHERS COLLEGE, OR A LOCAL TRUCK FACTORY. IT WAS "INCONVENIENT" TO STROLL THROUGH THE CENTER OF THE CITY, AND IT WAS EVEN "INCONVENIENT" TO READY PEOPLE'S DAILY. REFERENCES TO GANG OF FOUR "INTERFERENCE" -- COMMON IN ALL BRIEFINGS TO FOREIGNERS -- WERE NOTABLY ABSENT IN CONVERSATIONS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. TREATMENT IN TSINAN CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH OUR EXPERIENCES ELSEWHERE AND SUGGESTS THAT THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN TSINAN COULD BE STILL UNSETTLED. OTHER PEKING DIPLOMATS HAVE REPORTED SIMILAR EXPERIENCES IN TSINAN DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS. OFFICIALS ELSEWHERE HAVE BEEN FORTHCOMING IN ARRANGING VISITS AND HAVE BEEN FRANK IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS ONCE CONSIDERED VERY SENSITIVE.

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